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Journalism is literature in a hurry . . .
—Matthew Arnold

McKeown and Fleming Slide To Victory

by David J. Marchi
and
Thomas Sitwinski

Elections for the Student Association executive positions were held on Tuesday, April 6 in Alliot Hall. Nine hundred SMC students cast ballots between 1 and 6 p.m. The winner of the SA presidential election was Jeff McKeown, Class of '77. Louise Fleming snapped up the Vice President's seat after a tough battle between the three contenders.

McKeown was approached after the election for a statement concerning his new administration. He told **The Michaelman** that "I want to get more kids involved in the SA." He expressed the feeling that too many Senators do nothing more than say aye or no and don't really get involved. He asserted that he wants to see more participation from the Senators. He said that one particular thing he would work to see improved is the campus washer/dryer situation. Jeff also hopes to see "improved relations with the campus media such as **The Michaelman** and the radio station, WWPV-FM. In addition, he plans to try to "set the date for movies sooner." McKeown said, "This is the reason only we've had foul-ups with the movies."

The winning candidate for the position of vice president of the SA is Lou Fleming. Lou replaces Paul Mazzacarro as chief Parliamentarian of the Student Association. The VP also acts as Chairman of the Personnel and Nomination Committee. This committee has the power to appoint all committee chairpersons and members of the Klein Student Center Governing Board.

Former S.A. President Ansheles drops out of the limelight April 8.

Ms. Fleming stipulated one policy which she would like to initiate which is contrary to what has traditionally been done by the SA executive board. "I would like to see the executive board take more initiative to speak out on issues."

The Michaelman asked Fleming how she would involve more of the student body into the Senate activities. She commented that the media would be instrumental in achieving this goal. "This year there was an obvious split between The Senate and **The Michaelman.** Both need each other to function effectively." She did qualify this statement by asserting that she voted against the "media amendment" which would allow the Editors to be selected by the Nominations Committee.

Media Board to Review Nomination

Yearbook Editor to Undergo New Selection Process

DURICK LIBRARY, APRIL 6 — The St. Michael's College Media Board met today in order to revise the present composition of the Board and to devise a more equitable manner of appointing the Yearbook Editor.

The Media Board will now seat all of the Media Editor-Managers as ex-officio members of the Board. This includes **The Shield, The Onion River Review, WWPV,** and **The Michaelman.** Two faculty members, two at-large-student-members appointed by the S.A. President, and the Director of Public Relations will round out the Board.

It is specifically stipulated that the two at-large students elected to the board will have no direct association with any of the media. This will insure at-large student input in all Media Board deliberations.

The next business dealt with by the Board concerned the review of media guidelines which will be held at the beginning of the academic year prior to September 15th. The Review Session will include all student media editors/managers, the Media Board, plus an additional two at-large students who are elected by *but not from* the Senate. This "review board" will be held to insure that these guidelines meet the highest standards of Journalistic endeavor.

The Board also grappled with the review of the Yearbook Editor appointee.

A consensus was reached that the Board should receive a list of all student aspirants with their qualifications specifically enumerated. The senior class president-elect would sit with the Board during this session.

The actual power of the Board concerning its ability to challenge a student's nomination to the position remains ambiguous. However, a major step has been taken to legitimize the election proceedings.

M'man Elects New Editor

Von Beren, '78, new Michaelman chief.

The Michaelman staff would like to announce the election of Cindy Von Beren to the position of Editor-in-Chief of The Michaelman. She assumes her position on May 1, 1976.

Von Beren, who began as a member of The Michaelman Sports Staff, originally specialized in the coverage of SMC hockey games. In September, 1975, she was appointed as co-Sports Editor of The Michaelman and in February, 1976, she assumed a new position — that of Feature Editor.

Von Beren is a Journalism major; this past winter she manned the SMC basketball score box and gained much experience in covering events ranging from local Town Meetings to reporting on the Vermont primaries.

Lecture Series Cancelled

In the last week of March the St. Michael's Lecture Series was cancelled by Sister Jeannette, chairperson of the Lecture Series Committee. **The Michaelman** interviewed Sr. Jeannette on April 1.

"I cancelled the Series because only one or two people were showing up for the lectures. It was a perfect opportunity for students to informally meet with different professors, but there just wasn't the interest. I couldn't ask someone to spend hours in preparing a presentation and then address an empty room," explained Sister Jeannette. She continued by citing that at one panel discussion there were more people on the panel than in the audience.

The Michaelman asked Sr. Jeannette to what she attirubted the failure of the Series. Specifically, she felt that there was a problem in primarily scheduling "local talent" (professors and staff members of the College) for the majority of the lectures.

The Sister replied that: "Some students told me that there were too many campus events this semester. Others said that scheduling the lectures twice a week was, perhaps, too much. Still others felt that the publicity for the events was poor. Personally, I feel that you learn as you go along.

"I have no qualms about enlisting the professors to give the lectures. I intend to keep the same format next year, even if we have to move it into the dormitories."

The Michaelman related to Sister Jeannette that the general consensus of an informal classroom survey run by **The Michaelman** indicated that the students would be more likely to attend the lectures if speakers from off-campus were featured.

Sophomore Genevieve Murray stated that she couldn't see going to listen to a professor speak at an evening lecture if she listens to him in class three times a week. Murray added, "The Lecture Series should be responsible for bringing speakers on campus with whom the general student body is not familiar — this would broaden the campus' academic and cultural exposure."

Sister Jeannette did not agree with that analysis of the Lecture Series. She stated that, "If you remember last year, we needlessly spent a great deal of money on small lectures. This year we had two large events. William Masselas and the National Players Company, and they were very well received. I think that this year I left the lectures too open. Next year, I hope to involve the R.A.'s in the lectures. We will hold them in the different dorms on a rotating monthly basis. It's better to have them in the dorms because then the students will get pressure from the other kids on the floor to attend."

The Michaelman pursued Sister Jeannette's statement that money was "needlessly" spent last year on smaller lectures. **The Michaelman** asked Sr. Jeannette if there was presently any money left in case a speaker from off-campus could be brought in to speak. Sister Jeannette was also reminded that in December, 1975, she was quoted in a **Michaelman** interview as saying that any leftover monies from the Lecture Series would be donated to a scholarship fund for St. Michael's students.

Sister Jeannette replied that there was no money remaining in the budget.

The Michaelman asked how much money has the Lecture Series used for events other than lectures.

Sister Jeannette confirmed the rumor that the Lecture Series had donated $300 to Parents' Weekend.

The Michaelman questioned the integrity of giving $300 to an essentially non-academic, non-cultural event — Parents' Weekend.

"I felt that the money could be used for a cultural event such as the stage production "Skin of Our Teeth", which is slated for the weekend," asserted Sr. Jeannette.

284 Pints Collected

A large donator turnout was reported by the Bloodmobile upon its visit here Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6.

Monday's total was 114 pints donated, followed by a stronger Tuesday total of 170 pints.

Those who received honors for reaching various donation levels were: Thomas A. Mathews, two gallons; Michael S. Roche, Carl Roediger and Robert F. Nolan, one gallon each.

Psi House contributed the most blood, and they won the newly-instituted "Traveling Trophy".

Gilbert Named WWPV General Manager

Bill Gilbert, new P.V. General Manager.

William Gilbert, a St. Michael's College junior, has been appointed General Manager of WWPV for the 1976-77 academic year.

Gilbert obtained his FCC license in his freshman year at St. Michael's. He became chief announcer for the radio station in his sophomore year, and was assistant manager this year.

Gilbert will replace Joan Van Zandt, who graduates in May. Both Gilbert and Van Zandt work part-time at WQCR-FM in news and production.

WWPV is currently attempting to increase its power from 10 watts to 5,000 watts. An application has been sent to the F.C.C. for permission, and an engineering study is underway. Chief Engineer Warren Chase is working to insure that the increased power will not interfere with any other stations and is also researching the possibility of relocating the transmitter for better antenna reception. By the end of the month, the figures on how much the expansion would cost will be available. Gilbert maintains that "our (WWPV's) programming is strong enough, and we meet all F.C.C. regulations to obtain an increase in power."

No major change in scheduling is anticipated for next year. According to Gilbert, WWPV "will schedule as much as we have staff to schedule. If we had a staff large enough to schedule 24 hours a day, we would." Presently, the station is on the air from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

F.C.C. regulations require a certain amount of Public Affairs programming. Gilbert feels that such programming is an advantage rather than a disadvantage. He stated, "WWPV is a community service of St. Michael's College, and we aim our programming at what will serve the college *and* the community. We will provide the best public affairs material that we can afford." Programs of classical music, jazz, radio serials, etc. are classified as Public Affairs material. The station now broadcasts 5 hours of Public Service, Monday through Friday.

The station needs student volunteers badly. An F.C.C. license is required for anyone who is left in charge of the transmitter. Approximately 50% of the St. Michael's students who take the test obtain a license. This is well above the national average.

A license is *not* required to spin records or to do the news. Students are also needed for office work at the station.

Junior Louis Taliento will assume the position of Assistant Manager of WWPV. Taliento was Program Director last year.

The positions of Program Director, Chief Announcer, and News Director are still to be decided.

WWPV is located on the second floor of Sloane Arts Center, across from the ROTC offices. Visitors are welcome anytime.

—Siragusa

$20,000 Added to MS Coffers

The M.S. Benefit Dance Marathon held at the Vincent C. Ross Sports Center last weekend was proclaimed "a huge success" by the coordinators of the event.

The grand total raised after 40 hours of dancing was $20,000.

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 45 couples were entered in the Marathon. Due to a schedule which discouraged dropouts (one which included two 3-hour sleep periods and a half-hour break every 2 hours), there were 27 couples and 6 singles still dancing at 9 p.m. on Sunday night.

The winners were the couple who raised the most money after dancing the entire 40 hours. First place went to Sue Ladue and Dave Bushey from Essex Junction High School. They came in second at last year's Marathon. Second place this year went to Steve Cota and Linda Meunier of Fairfax, Vermont. This couple received hundreds of telephone pledges during the Marathon. Third place went to St. Michael's student John V.J. Kelly and Ellen Wheeler of Trinity College.

Other St. Michael's students participating in the Marathon were Mark Calnon, Maureen Frick, Kathy Calenda (who transferred to Providence College this year), and alumnus Bob Kelley, who won first prize in last year's Marathon along with Mary Moriarty.

Glenn Farley, Vermont's Representative to the National M.S. Youth Council, commented, "I've never participated in anything which demanded and received so much team effort." An extremely harmonious group of workers made for a smooth-running operation.

Thanks WJOY

Special thanks goes to the radio stations involved. Jon Nichols from WJOY "kept the dancers going" by playing the right kind of music at the right time, and constantly encouraging the dancers. He worked enthusiastically and tirelessly. Also, Dave Andrews from WVMT held a radio auction on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the press box of the Sports Center. The auction raised $1990. Dave also provided WVMT listeners with progress reports on the Marathon every hour.

One of the things that really helped to keep the dancers from quitting was the fact that the Marathon seemed to be a group effort, rather than a collection of couples. At the first sight of a T.V. camera, the contestants would all get in 2 lines and do the 'bus stop.' Several other group dancers were popular, such as the limbo, and also making a train and dancing in circles around the gym. Chris Esposito from Champlain College was known as "our leader" for coordinating the dancers and teaching them the 'bus stop'.

Total = 19,944

The final figures for the Marathon were released at approximately 9:20. The total was $19,944. Jon Nichols and Dave Andrews immediately volunteered to split the difference and make it $20,000.

An excited and proud group left the Sports Center on Sunday night. According to Glenn, "the marathon was successful only because of the people involved."

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Good Administration Guarantees Evaluations

On Monday, April 5, **The Michaelman** interviewed Dean Gallagher about the decision of the Education Policy Committee not to run the Teacher Evaluations slated for this Spring Semester. In a previous **Michaelman** interview, Gallagher attributed lack of funds and the hiring of a new Computer Center director as the primary reasons for this decision.

Dr. Gallagher was questioned about why a lack of funds occurred. Specifically, why weren't the necessary funds allotted for the Evaluation in the 1975-1976 Budget?

Gallagher stated, "Actually, last year I goofed. Right now my paper supply budget is nearly $6-00.00 overdrawn. There is no money available for the Evaluations."

The Michaelman then questioned Gallagher about why a computer director would be hired if he was not fully capable of fulfilling his duties. It was cited that his duties entail processing Teacher Evaluations. Gallagher asserted that the credentials of the Computer Director were probably above reproach. "My concern is that the Director is new. He is not on top of Registration. In fact, the Registrar's office is hysterical over the entire program not being written; yet, I don't wish to overburden him."

The Michaelman concurred with Gallagher that the additional 7,500 questionnaires which would have to processed would be a burden. A solution to utilize UVM's terminals for the evaluations was presented. Gallagher replied that the cost of renting the terminal would render such an action prohibitive.

An informal survey was held by **The Michaelman** on March 28th concerning the committee's decision against holding the Teacher Evaluations. The comment which was most frequently posed by the students was: "What is to guarantee that the elections will be held next year?"

Gallagher asserted that "Good Administration" is the only guarantee necessary. He further clarified his position by saying, "This office will take a much more active part in the Evaluations next year. In fact, I am not sure if I would want to run *two* evaluations a year. Holding one evaluation, which is the experience of many colleges, seems to be adequate."

The Michaelman would welcome students' reaction to this interview.

Maple Festival Begins St. Albans

Plans are now being finalized for the 9th Annual Vermont Maple Festival, to take place the weekend of April 9-11 in St. Albans, Vt. Featured all three days will be both entertaining and educational activities for people of all ages.

For those who are interested in sampling or purchasing different maple products, a Maple Store will be open each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Taylor Park in St. Albans. There will also be a Suagr-on-Snow booth open each day for anyone wishing to sample this special Vermont delicacy.

Friday, April 9 has been designated as Youth Day. Featured will be an Antique Fair and Flea Market at St. Paul's Methodist Church, a continuously running Maple Movie at the Welden Theatre, special sugarbush educational tours for school children, an Arts and Crafts show in the City Hall Auditorium, and in the evening, a dime-aand-a-half-a-dip supper at Holy Angels School, and the Mrs. Maple Contest and the Champlain Echoes barbershop concert in the auditorium of Bellows Free Academy.

Saturday is Family Day at the Festival, and will include a continuation of the Antique Fair and Flea Market, the Arts and Crafts Show, and the other educational events and exhibits. There will also be Sugar Bush bus tours for people of all ages, a pancake breakfast, and an Art Show, Chicken Barbecue, Sugaring Contest, Chopping Contest, and an Ice-Skating Revue during the day. The evening will begin with the Annual Maple Banquet and continue with a Fiddler's Concert, Ice Skating Revue, and an Eastern Square Dance.

The final day of the festival, Sunday, April 11, has been designated as Vermont Day. There will again be a continuation of some events, including the educational exhibits, bus tours, pancake breakfast, arts and crafts show, and the antique fair and flea market and chicken barbecue.

For more detailed information, and if you would like to receive a festival program, just call the Festival phone in St. Albans. The number is (802)524-5800.

New Registration to Help Concentrators

The new registration process, whereby students register for their concentration and required distribution courses early in April and electives later in the month was designed to "assure the concentrator the choice of courses," according to Academic Dean Vernon Gallagher.

This new system was developed by taking the best of several systems, Maureen McNamara, the registrar, said. She instigated the procedure, adding, "I am always looking into improving the system."

But, with all the recent controversy over the "competency" of the computer operator, it appears that the new system would mean an added workload.

It means two runs through the computer will be necessary to register a student. This, Gallagher said, "will probably double the work for the computer center." McNamara stated that if there are any problems, "It's the fault of the personnel in the computer center."

She was recently appointed to a committee on the National Organization for Registrars and Administrative Officers, which studies registration techniques.

McInerny Well Received

This Monday and Tuesday past, St. Michael's campus was graced with the presence of a visiting lecturer in philosophy, Prof. Ralph McInerney, of Notre Dame University. Sponsored by Phi Sigma Tau and Linnehan Philosophical Society, Prof. McInerney spent his two days here visiting classes and speaking to all interested parties both formally and informally.

Two formal lectures were given, the general topic of which was the realm of ethics. Specifically, the Monday lecture concentrated on a discussion-critique of Formalism, which was countered and complimented by a discussion of Naturalism on Tuesday evening. Both lectures were followed by a question and answer period and an informal discussion of the topics at hand.

On Tuesday afternoon an informal colloquium was held in Klein Student Center. This afforded students and faculty alike a chance to speak with Prof. McInerney about philosophical issues.

One member of the Philosophy Society stated that McInerney's visit was most enjoyable and his talks provided her with a firm foundation for the consolidation of her own points of view, be they in agreement or disagreement with that held by Prof. McInerney.

McInerny spent Tuesday morning addressing Dr. Tumulty's philosophy classes. He led the class in a discussion on whether the Catholic writers purposely involve Catholic morals in his writings.

The question of whether a Catholic college is able to influence its students to act "morally" also arose. Problems such as moral responsibility, the abortion problem, the Catholic College's search for excellence, and how "self-determination" influences moral actions were grappled with throughout the period by both McInerny and the class.

St. Mike's does a "professional job" with "Skin"

Localization was one of the key elements utilized by the St. Michael's Troupe in presenting the successful production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize play, "The Skin of Our Teeth." The play received accolades in *The Burlington Free Press*. Free Press drama critic John W. Donoghue, wrote . . . "It's great to see a group do a professional job with the tight-knit optmietic plays of the late playwright. St. Mike's version of "Skin" is every inch a well-developed production of the prize-winning play."

The three-act comedy deals with the Antrobus family and the calamities that they face. Their home in Excelsior, N.J. and their trip to the Boardwalk in Atlantic City are featured, as well as local Winooski landmarks, familiar to the audience. This technique helped the audience to directly relate to the actors.

At one point, Sabina (Ellen K. Menard), who is the maid and Miss Atlantic City, discusses her understudy in the production. Instead of just saying that she sent her understudy out, Sabina says that the understudy went to **Zachary's** for a pizza. In the third act, while discussing a poisoning incident of the characters which Sabina attributed to the Saga lemon meringue pie, she said that the cast had gone to **Fanny Allen** to have their stomachs pumped out.

Mr. Antrobus (John O'Hern, Jr.), Mrs. Antrobus (Mary Carol Maganzini), their son Henry (Paul J. Galbraity), and especially their daughter Gladys (Karen M. Dusablon) were excellent in facial and body expression. Gladys was a perfect "Daddy's little girl," doing everything from reciting schoolwork to pouting, to poking around on the Boardwalk.

The fortune teller (wendy I. Kernstock), was an excellent character actress. Her heavily accented voice lent credibility to the role.

Special credit must be given to Paul Edwards who designed the dinosaur and mammoth costumes, two comical household pests.

Although the audience reacted slowly to the first act, the second act (the Boardwalk) was strong and brought many laughs.

The 38-character cast will give an additional performance on Parents' Weekend.

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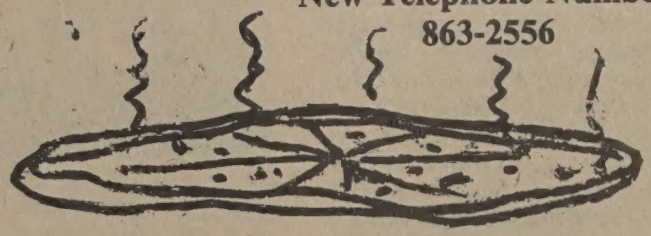

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Editorial

M'Man Congrats New Administration

Congratulations to Jeff McKeown and Lou Fleming for their victory in Tuesday's elections. In an interview with **The Michaelman** on April 7, they both expressed the desire to improve relations with the campus media.

It is true that the media is essential to keeping the campus well-informed on Senate activities. It can be a unifying element, but it must never sacrifice its integrity for that sole end.

The Michaelman is looking forward to a good working relationship with the new administration.

Good Reasons for Top Marks

This article was submitted to the editor by a "concerned Connecticut parent." It is an editorial reprinted from the March 30th edition of the Hartford Courant.

It is good to know that parents are concerned with the academic developments of Saint Michael's College.

Use of the traditional letter grading system has received an F by some educators because recent surveys show a greater percentage of top marks among college students than five years ago. Detractors call it "grade inflation" insisting that students are getting better than they deserve. That may be true, in some cases. However, there are enough factors which influence grades upward or affect averages that it is inevitable for more students to be properly among the top category.

University of New Haven's faculty committee recently expressed its fear that 25 percent of its students are on the dean's list, probably because teachers give A's and B's too freely. University President Philip Kaplan correctly cautions that the situation is "far more complex" than that.

Last summer's edition of The College Board Review carried an excellent analysis by Cornell University Associate Dean Robert A. Scott which goes a long way toward explaining what is happening, most of it good. He wrote that "there is no question" that "grades are on the rise" nationally. A Michigan State University survey of 197 institutions showed a move up of about one-half a letter grade since 1960.

Rather than "slipped standards" or loss of faculty control, Dean Scott believes innovative academic programs contribute to generally higher grades. He cites independent studies, off-campus opportunities to work at one's own pace, the tendency of many teachers to base a mark on one research paper rather than on quizzes and scheduled tests and the classroom Pass-Fail option, as all contributing to better grade averaging.

Independent studies are done by students who choose their own topic, work one-to-one with a faculty adviser, and are highly-motivated, all conducive to earning a good grade. Besides other classes where one research paper is required and no tests, independent studies also aim toward a single paper with plenty of time to research and write it.

Pass-Fail offers a student the option to forego a letter grade and end the semester merely with a Pass or with a Fail. Since even a D is passing — outside one's major field — the person can coast through with little effort. To whatever degree it may affect a student's knowledge, the procedure has a tremendous effect upon aggregate grades if there are enough students using the option.

Dean Scott also believes a shift in the popularity of a field or type of career affects the over-all grade distribution. For instance, he notes that sciences value problem-solving skills "rather than expository fluency" and use absolute rather than normative grading. Which is to say that the trend away from science toward fields of "expression" could inflate grades.

Two other conjectures are that student effort is gaining greater teacher recognition and interest resulting in higher grades than work might indicate, and the highly competitive medical and law fields which accept limited numbers and only the brightest students, also affect national grade averages. Because they are among the best, they do best.

—Submitted by a
Concerned Connecticut Parent.

Dear Madame Editor:

Enclosed is some information concerning changes in the Department of English:

1. New English Honors Tract (outstanding sophomores, juniors, and senior English concentrators taken a special seminar together).
2. Senior Honors Seminar.
3. And the Department of English student faculty party — April 30th, Friday, at Prof. Kaplan's house. The infamous "Dickens' Punch" will be served and only mature adults will be admitted. "Dickens' Punch," more deadly than absinthe, has been known to make grown men cry, and ladies have been driven to molest minor plants under its spell. English concentrators who loved the English Department at last fall's "dry party" will be quite shocked at this "wet" one. If you are shy, whatever you do, don't attend the Department of English's spring rite — featuring the deadly "Dickens' Punch"!!!

—Dr. Reiss

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Madame Editor:

During the past year it has been my privilege to represent the State of Vermont on the National Youth Council for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The work that I have been associated with during this time has indeed been personally gratifying. One of the reasons for this is due to the people with whom I've been lucky enough to have work with me.

Most of the key people who helped make the Marathon the success that it was were from SMC. My personal thanks are extended to all who helped in raising that sum of $20,000! It was truly a group effort!

I would like to specifically thank the administration for allowing the function to be held at St. Michael's; the Student Association for granting me the use of the Ross Sports Center; the Rescue Squad; the Crown and Sword Society; OVP; the R.A. Staff and to all my personal friends (you know who you are — even you, Skip!). I would also like to thank in a special way **The Michaelman** — for granting me unprecedented coverage prior to the Dance Marathon.

After all my thanks, I regret that I must ask **The Michaelman,** however, to seek out a certain person to apologize to — that being Mr. Ed Markey. In last week's Editorial, the remarks that were made were simply uncalled for. If the writer had sought out either Mr. Markey or myself *before* writing that article — it would have been discovered that things were running extremely well between Mr. Markey and the Youth Council.

At the close of last year's Marathon, a number of items that were previously agreed upon were left undone by the Youth Council for Multiple Sclerosis. We were at fault — *not* the Athletic Department. This year when Mr. Markey and I discussed the previous year's situation, we *both* agreed upon certain criteria concerning the use of the Sports Center. Both Mr. Markey and myself were pleased with the outcome of the marathon. All was done that was agreed on.

The **Paper** should seek out and applaud how Mr. Markey safeguards the Ross Sports Center for the students here at SMC. His first and major concern is the availability of the center for the students. Thus, when an outside group — like the Youth Council for Multiple Sclerosis — comes in and uses the facility, he makes sure that certain criteria are followed. As students we should thank him for that.

As for him not "putting in an appearance" during the weekend, he had previous commitments to be in Philadelphia (that's not the greatest place to spend a weekend, anyway!). I had personally invited him to the Marathon — particularly to partake in the Hope Chest Award ceremonies, since the main reason for our receiving the Award was the use of the Sports Center for our Marathon.

I feel confident that this will be resolved. I would like to thank all of St. Michael's College for helping me put together one of the *best* Dance Marathons for Multiple Sclerosis in the entire country.

Glenn Farley
National Youth Council

Dear Madame Editor;

I am the first to admit that I do not like the way this school is operated, particularly with its "we take care of our own employment and promotion practices;" its ineffectual method of dealing with improving campus life; overbilling; and its idea that every student here is out to pull something off so we are all to be treated suspiciously. But all this can be found in any college. As a part of an education, one should learn to deal with such situations effectively.

However, I think St. Michael's surpasses all others in being much more unprofessional and unethical than most! Among these malpractices, the most blatant example (though perhaps to some trivial) is the *Midnight Burnings of the incinerators* all across campus, and the daytime showers of oversized tickertape. Doesn't St. Michael's realize that this is an obvious breach of the law? Of course they do, that is why the burning is done in the dark.

How can this school carry on their crusading, self-righteous attitude towards all sorts of things like cheating, drinking, drugs, and student apathy, when they exhibit equally disturbing traits such as deceit, violation of the law, unnecessary pollution, and especially ignorance?

I ask you: How can St. Michael's, in good conscience, offer courses such as Bio. 321 Ecology, Chem 111A, B Environmental Chemistry, Py. 105A, and 131A The Energy Crisis and all this Environmental Science concentration when they so clearly ignore the very principles entailed in those courses?

How can they be such hypocrites? How can this major and these courses be taken seriously by the students? Educators: Where are your ethics?

Does St. Michael's College administrators believe that because it is a private institution, it is a microcosm immune to public laws? I hope not!

The soot, the stench, the smoke, the fallout must end. The illegal burning must be stopped immediately. Otherwise, this institution, like any other institution or individual, must face the consequences of the law and public scrutiny.

Perhaps the first project of the Environmental Studies major could be a designing of a better way to dispose of the waste on campus.

—Name Withheld
by request

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Saga Slates No Major Change

by Mike Brown

The director of Saga Food Service said Friday, April 2, that he foresees no major food service changes next year at St. Michael's College.

William G. Valway said that Saga Food will "attempt to do little things, such as dining hall decorations, wall murals, and floor refurbishing."

"The new college president, Dr. Henry, and I will be getting together soon," Valway said. "He may want some changes."

Valway also said there are no plans for changing meal scheduling at the popular North Campus cafeteria, which opened in 1974-75. This means that the anticipated weekend meals will not be provided at the mini-caf. "There are approximately 180 St. Michael's students living on the North Campus and the cafeteria has a maximum capacity of 100, which I think handles the students' needs there well," he stated. Valway added that there are not enough students on campus during the weekend to merit opening the mini-caf.

"The main campus cafeteria's capacity is 430 persons, and there is a problem of overcrowding, especially on weekends," noted Valway.

"To ease this problem of overcrowding, I often tell the workers serving food to slow down when the cafeteria is packed, until more seats are empgy," Valway explained.

The food service director commented that he was pleased overall with everything this year at Saga. "I am pleased to be of service. We have 125 students on the payroll and I have found communication with them pretty good," Valway said.

Commenting on a possible change in the St. Michael's I.D. ticket system, Valway said he saw no reason to change to something like the University of Vermont's system of buying individual meal coupons. "The University's system is too complicated and very costly to operate," he said.

Valway went on to say, "We have been trying to hit a 'medium' as far as complaints on the food are concerned. The temperature and quality of food, especially eggs, have received the most complaints." He added, "We are dealing with this problem by only cooking a minimum amount of food, trying to keep it as hot as possible."

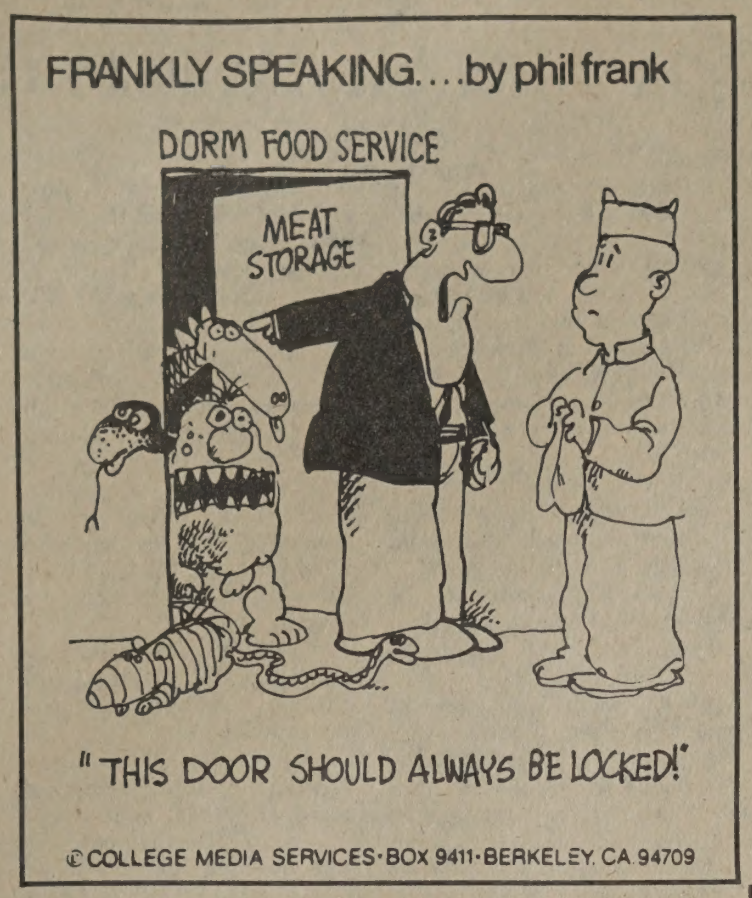
Valway said he recently conducted a survey among the students on food preparation and food quality. He said he was generally pleased with the number of students who commented positively.

Valway said many students were pleased with the recent "drive-in" night special, the hamburger and milkshake night. "I was also pleased by the constructive criticism that helps us," he added.

"From now on we are scheduling regular special evening meals that I call 'monotony breakers'," Valway said.

Asked if food often runs out before the end of the meal, Valway responded, "I can guarantee that the number 1 item on the menu for the evening meal will last from start to finish of the meal."

Valway ended with, "I hope every student will feel free to come in and talk with me about food problems. This communication helps both students and Saga."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Henry Hits the Road

"Alumni must be informed of what is happening at their Alma Mater. The SMC magazine does a good job of continuing their education, but there is no substitute for person-to-person contact."

Rit Divenere '67, alumni director, feels strongly about the above quote, and is arranging dinner meetings and luncheons for alumni throughout New England with Dr. Edward Henry, thirteenth President of SMC. "On April 20, Dr. Henry and I will be in Boston to meet with area alumni and parents. On the 21st, we travel to Providence, RI for lunch with a small group of key alumni. That evening we will be in Hartford, CT for another dinner in honor of our new President. In May we travel to Washington, D.C. for meetings with Federal Officials and a dinner for area alumni and parents."

When it is not possible for the President or Dean to attend these important alumni functions, Rit arranges for members of the Society of Saint Edmund, administrators or faculty, to represent the college. "On April 29 and 30, Father D'Agostino and I will travel to the Worcester and Maine Chapters. I will talk about developments on campus and Fr. D'Agostino will speak about changes he has observed in his stay on the Hilltop."

"The best way for alumni and parents to find out about the College is through the student. I encourage alumni chapter officers to host the glee club for a special alumni concert. The students stay with area families. Dialogue and lasting impressions are the end results. The students and the alumni certainly enjoy this particular function," indicates Mr. DiVenere. On April 23, the glee club will present an alumni concert for the Pittsfield, MA alumni chapter.

Orsy to Lecture

On April 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the theatre of the Michael and Margaret McCarthy Arts Center, Ladislas M. Orsy, S.J., will deliver a lecture on "The Task of a Catholic University in a Pluralistic Society." It is a topic which should be of interest to all who are involved — as students, faculty, administrators, or trustees — in Catholic Higher Education.

Father Orsy received his training in both secular and religious universities: State University in Budapest, Hungary; Gregorian University in Rome; Jesuit College at Louvain in Belguim and Oxford University in London. He is a graduate in Civil Law of the School of Law, Oxford University and he has his doctorate in Canon Law from Gregorian University.

Green-Up Day is Saturday

Green-Up Day, designed to clean up the campus, will be held Saturday, April 10, starting at 10 a.m.

Its purpose is to clean up the college grounds in preparation for Parents' Weekend, which begins April 30.

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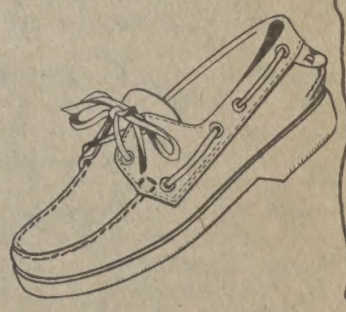

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Long Shots

by Dick Long, Sports Editor, '77

By the time you Swillers read this column the first game of this year's baseball season will have already been played. Cincinnati has that honor because they were the first professional club dating back to 1868-69. Already the Reds have sold 2 million tickets in advance for this year's season. Oakland, a perennial power in the American League West, has historically had poor attendance. Losing two of their best players last week in that trade did little or nothing for their attendance problems. The attendance at Baltimore will never get any better!

This year you'd better get your Red Sox tickets early. Already all of the reserved seats between first and third base have been sold for every Yankee game at Fenway. Hopefully, TV38 will have a 100+ games on the tube.

Sunday the Celts took it on the chin, losing 121-117 to Buffalo. Bob MacAdoo had 45 pts. and Jim McMillan 32. The Celts can shrug this one off, because they've already clinched the Eastern Conference Championship. They also have played 15 games in the last 18 days. This was only their third loss.

Who the hell does Audy Messersmith think he is? What is his act? I'd like to see all 24 major league teams blackball the S.O.B. Any man who thinks he is bigger than the game has some growing up to do. Reggie Jackson may sit out the 1976 baseball season because he's not happy to be traded to the Baltimore Orioles. I say good! Let him sit out and go try to get a job elsewhere. I could see his advertistment now — "Available for Employment Immediately; 1 overrated outfielder with a 265 lifetime batting average; some experience in starting, getting in the middle of and ending clubhouse brawls. Send inquiries to Box XXX." Let some of these overrated, overpaid and under-achieved overnight superstars try to go out in the world and get a 40-hour a week hob. Half of them are out to lunch and the other half are on the way.

This week also brought us the long-overdue pro-football draft. With baseball all set to start the draft won't get one-third the ink it would have received if they held it in January. Really, who wants to talk football in April?

Here are my selections for next October's Divisional Playoffs in the American and National Leagues — Cincinnati will repeat handily; the Phillies look tough in the N.L. East (why not have the Divisional Playoffs and World Series in Philly, bastion of the Spirit of '76?)

In the A.L. West, Oakland and Kansas City will slug it out with Kansas City winning out. In the A.L. East I gotta go with the Boston Red Sox. Why? What great acquisitions have the Yankees made? They still should ask Phil Rizzutto to suit up and play shortstop. Doc Ellis is a cry-baby with a mature body that posesses a third-grade brain. Ken Brett has a bad elbow and can't throw more than three or four innings at a time. Willie Randolph is going to try to tread water like he never has in his life. As a rookie, the pressure on him I wouldn't wish on anyone. Oh, by the way, did the Yankees bring any bats to Spring Training?

The Orioles have a history of opting for the big trade; F. Robinson, 1966; Earl Williams, Lee May, 1972-74; K. Singleton, 1975; and now R. Jackson, 1976. They do need a leader on the field and someone who can get the RBI's. (If he signs a contract). Earl Weaver must have had it with Mike Cuellar, why else get another lefthander (in Ken Holtzman)? Lefties are notoriously bad in lofty Fenway Park. Just imagine knowing in advance that in 2 out of 3 games in a series you had to throw 2 lefties in Fenway. Rice, Lynn, and Fisk can't wait.

In the Divisional Playoffs, I like the Red Sox over the Royals. In the World Series a rematch, Cincinnati vs. Boston. This Series will be as much a classic as last year's, if you can believe that possible. This time the Bosox win 4 games to 2.

The Boston Red Sox traded a .280 lifetime hitting outfielder who was gathering dust on the bench and a minor league pitcher for the nearest thing to a guarantee of performance that is available today, namely, Ferguson Jenkins. They also traded, (noI-won't-learn-to-throw-a-curveball) Rogelio Moret for an established lefty relief pitcher, Tom House. The Sox should repeat, barring unforeseen injuries to key personnel. Manager Darrell Johnson will again be second-guessed on every play but he should play his cards right and come up holding the best record on October 4th. He'll continually fall out of trees and land on his feet. The Gold Dust Twins, Jim Rice and Fred Lynn, will be out to prove their critics wrong. Juse remember, Rice didn't start a game until the season was half over (besides being D.H.). The Sox should repeat if only because none of the other teams in the A.L. East or West has a farm system that can produce a Lynn or Rice. To be perfectly honest, I believe the Yanks and Orioles weakened themselves with their trades. Time will tell; meanwhile, I'll think of you all Monday when I watch them hoist the pennant at Fenway Park.

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The ' Fly ' Returns to the Big Hoop

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"Hey, Uncle Jim, can I put the television on to see the ball game?"

"Sure, Timmy. You know I try to never miss the World Champion Boston Celtics in action."

"I know, but since they are playing the Knicks, I didn't think you would want to be bored. The Knicks haven't beaten the Celtics since 1976."

"1976 — what a memorable year. Did you know that Ken Johnson graduated from Saint Michael's College that year?"

"Really? Can you tell me the story again of how he became an All-Pro basketball player in 2022? Please??"

"O.K., but first you have to remember what a talented school we had when I attended SMC. We only had 1500 students, not the present twelve thousand, and all the students were going through the Great Grade Depression, that infamous plot of the administration to lower kids' grades even if they *had* earned a B. But, Timmy my boy, a lot of those guys made it big. Everyone has heard of Dick Long, catcher for the World Champion Cincinnati Reds from 1980-1990, and, of course, there is John "Crazy Legs" Parks, the captain of the New England Patriots when they were a powerhouse. But that is only in athletics; how about the famous brain surgeon Paul Giammateo, or the foremost authority on Shakespeare in the world, Rick Boyle? The list is endless, there was Brian Keenan, the great golfer on the PGA, Tom Carlson of the Pro Bowling Tour, and how about Suzie Sullivan, editor-in-Chief of the New York Times? There was also Donna Tyrrell, the Twiggy of the fashion world in the 1980's, and Buzz Ansheles, the head of the new political machine in Chicago, and . . ."

"Uncle Jim, I've heard all of that before; I just want the story on Kenny. They are introducing him now on TV."

. . . at 6'10" , from Saint Michael's College playing right guard, Ken "Fly" Johnson!

"Timmy, that would have never been possible when I was young. Anyway, the story goes something like this:

One day when Kenny was eating at Saga Food services in the cafe, he contracted a strange disease from the marvelous Saga food. The doctors now diagnosis it as reasitis. Kenny felt very ill that night and rushed immediately to Fanny Allen Hospital where the competent physicians told him he had the mumps. Knowing better, Kenny decided to go to a specialist, and he said Ken would die unless he was frozen until a cure was found. Kenny consented, and not until five years ago did they find the cure — new Ultra Strength Alka Seltzer. Anyway, the thawed-out Kenny entered into this new world of 8-foot giants playing basketball on those 15-foot rims. He went down to the St. Mike's gym after his transition and spoke to that brilliant young coach my alma mater has, John Rao. He worked in the gym, dribbling five hours a day, and learning to drive against the big men and getting accustomed to his new position. The rest is history, Timmy."

. . . over on the right to Johnson, he spins, fires, bang! What a shot; and the Celts are up by 26!

"Gee, Uncle Jim, the way he moves, it sure looks like he would have been a great center back in the old days."

"He was Timmy, he certainly was. Did I ever tell you about his game in the Sacred Heart Tourney when . . ."

(This column does not wish to cast any aspersions on the character of any individual.)

The Saints Do It Again

The score was close as the Marching Saints Drill Team from Saint Michael's College placed second behind Pe nn. State's Drill Team at the Manhattan Invitational Drill Meet held on the 20th of March. Competing against ten other teams, the Saints fared well, missing first place by 14 points.

Since 1956, when the Saints were first formed, they have always shown themselves as a strong competing team. The Saints had two firsts this year: Five women became members of the team; and John Kelly and Brian Harrington devised a Two-Man Trick Drill sequence, also placing second.

Unlike the other teams at Manhattan, the Saints march with Sabres rather than with rifles. All the sequences performed by the Marching Saints have been devised by the members. The moves are difficult, dangerous, and take many hours of hard work to perfect.

The team's advisor is Capt. Charles M. Shane, USAF, assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies at Saint Michael's College.

The team this year is commanded by Cadet Lt. Col. Daniel P. Swift. His executive officer is Cadet Capt. John D. Daly. The training officers are Cadet Col. Glenn A. Pallazza and Cadet Capt. Michael J. Waitte.

Common Exam Schedule

Course	Instructor	Date	Time	Place
Bio 100, E.F.G.H	DiLorenzo/Howard	5/18	1:15	GYM
Bu 101 B,D	Knight, LaMarche	5/15	1:15	GYM
Bu 107 A,B,C,D	Anderson, Higgins	5/19	1:15	GYM
Bu 203 A,B,C,D	Snyder/LaMarche	5/18	3:15	GYM
Bu 208 C,F	Snyder/Knight	5/17	3:15	GYM
Bu 317 A,B,C	Amrhein, Knight 5/17		1:15	GYM
Bu 323 A,B	Amrhein	5/15	1:15	GYM
Ec 103 A,B,C,D	Carvellas	5/20	1:15	GYM
Ec 323 A,B	Amrhein	5/15	1:15	GYM
FR 105 A,B,C,D	Pourier	5/17	3:15	AL 212
FR 205 C,D	Delaney	5/17	3:15	J 46
Hu 103 A,C,F	Conley	5/15	3:15	GYM
Ma 103 C,D	Preston	5/17	1:15	GYM
Ph 101 L,M	VanderWheel	5/21	1:15	GYM
Ph 201 C,J	Case	5/19	3:15	GYM
Ph 201 D,E	Hanagan	5/19	3:15	GYM
Ph 201 K,L	MacDonald	5/19	3:15	Sci 107&108
Ph 201 F,G	Zeno	5/19	3:15	Sci 107&108
PO 103 A,B	Kernstock	5/18	3:15	Sci 107
PO 221 A,B	Wilson	5/18	1:15	Sci 107
PO 301 A,B	Talarico	5/17	1:15	Sci 107
PO 401	Cannon	5/15	1:15	Sci 107
RS 120 A,B	Couture	5/20	3:15	GYM
RS 120 E,F	Paulin	5/20	3:15	GYM
RS 120 C,D	Bryan	5/20	3:15	GYM
RS 140 A,B	Kroger	5/21	3:15	GYM
RS 341 A,B	Kroger	5/15	1:15	Sci 107
RS 461 A,B	Bryan	5/15	1:15	J 46
SO 205 A,B	Bolduc	5/18	3:15	GYM
SP 105 A,B	Rupright	5/17	3:15	Sci 108
Bu 305	Dillon	5/15	3:30	GYM

Final exams for this semester will be held from Saturday, May 15 through Friday, May 21.
Students will follow the Exam Schedule as printed in the 1975-76 schedule for the Academic Year except for the following Common Exam Schedule.